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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for a mining facility, the Mineral Ridge Mine (a.k.a. Mary Drinkwater), has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Permit NEV96106 is:

Golden Phoenix Minerals, Inc.
P.O. Box 67
Silver Peak, NV 89047

The facility will be located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the town of Silver Peak in Esmeralda County, Nevada within all, or portions of, Township 1S, Range 38E, Section 36; Township 1S, Range 39E, Section 31; Township 2S, Range 38E, Sections 1, 2 and 12; and, Township 2S, Range 39E, Section 6, MDB&M. The project consists of open pit and underground mining, waste rock dumps, a two-phased heap leach pad (7 cells), pregnant and barren ponds with sufficient containment for the required storm event, crushing facilities, processing facilities, and ancillary facilities such as pipelines. Mine support includes the truck shop, laboratory, fuel farm, explosives storage, and warehouse. The ore will be processed using conventional cyanide heap leaching technology and precious metal recovery by carbon adsorption with a stripping and electro winning circuit followed by smelting. The project is designed, constructed, operated and will be closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit

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their comments or requests no later than 5:00 pm on the 30th day following publication of this notice in the Central Nevada Newspaper (Tonopah Times-Bonanza) in Tonopah, Nevada to the:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
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All comments or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm1>.

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